

National Zoo

3001 Connecticut Avenue
Northwest Washington, D.C.

Metro Stop: Cleveland Park or Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan

Tip: It's an uphill walk from Woodley Park Metro to the Zoo and a level one from the Cleveland Park Metro. The Zoo is 3 blocks from either stop.



The [National Zoo](#) was created by an Act of Congress in 1889 and became part of the Smithsonian Institution in 1890. This 163-acre zoological park is home to more than 2,700 individual animals of 435 different species.

Perhaps, the National Zoo's best known residents are the [giant pandas](#), Tian Tian (t-YEN t-YEN) and Mei Xiang (may-SHONG). The giant pandas are at the National Zoo on a 10-year loan from the China Wildlife Conservation Association and are the focus of a research, conservation, and breeding program designed to preserve this critically endangered species. Mei Xiang gave birth to Tai Shan (tie-SHON), a male cub, on July 9, 2005.

There is no admission fee to visit the National Zoo.

Times of Operation

The National Zoo is open every day of the year, except December 25. April 3 to October 31, the grounds are open 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the buildings are open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. November 1 to April 2, the grounds are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the buildings are open 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

National Zoo Links

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